

ROANOKE CITY CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



What is the Citizens Police Academy?

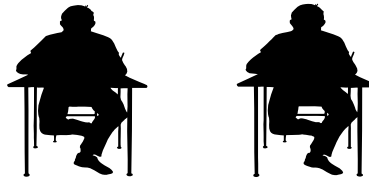
The Roanoke City Citizen Police Academy provides an excellent opportunity for citizens, who work and live in the City of Roanoke, to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the Police Department. This will enable participants to gain a better understanding of the procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demands, personnel, equipment, policies and laws that guide the Department's decisions. It is not intended to make citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the police and in return, the police will benefit from the wealth of knowledge the citizens can give about their community.

The Citizen Police Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our commitment is to our community. While attending the Citizen Police Academy, you will be involved in actual training sessions and will leave with a broader understanding of the police function. It is our hope that the participants of our Academy will develop an understanding of law enforcement and will be able to formulate responsible conclusions concerning police activities.

Who May Attend the Academy?

Citizens who live and work in the Roanoke Valley as well as family members of police officers are eligible to apply to the Academy and will be given first preference. However, we also encourage citizens within the Roanoke Valley, who do not fall within the above categories and have an interest in law enforcement, to apply.

A criminal record is checked on each applicant. The Roanoke City Police Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.



How are the Classes conducted?

Students meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 12 weeks. Students will receive a total of 36 hours of instruction from certified police officers and other expert instructors. On the 13th week, the Police Department will conduct a graduation ceremony for the participants that successfully complete the Academy.

Students will be able to participate in the Police ride-along program during the 12 week period. This will provide the student with a first hand knowledge of what it is like to work as a patrol officer.

The Citizen Police Academy will be offered twice a year; in the spring and fall.

What Subjects Are Taught in Class?

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| Street Crimes | Radar |
| Uniform Patrols | Professional Standards |
| Evidence | Mounted Patrol |
| K9 Demonstration | Traffic and DUI |
| Tactical Response | Criminal Law |
| Team | Bike Patrol |
| Crime Prevention | Tour 911 Center |
| Shooting Range | Officer Ride-A-Long |
| Investigations Drug | School Resource D.A.R.E |
| Firearms Training | Riot control |

Many of these classes will give the student an opportunity to have hands-on experience so they will develop an understanding of what a police officer performs on a day-to-day basis.

How Can Information from This Academy Be Used by the Police?

The Roanoke City Police Department believes public opinion and knowledge is essential to establish the community policing concept. Opinions provided from citizens will play a vital role in the future of the police department.

The more information the public has about the police department, the less fears will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by a lack of understanding, and these can be avoided.

It is our hope that graduates of the Citizen Police Academy take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises, and make decisions which affect the city and police department with heightened awareness and better information. Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to observe and report crimes or suspicious activities throughout our area.

Is there a Fee for the Citizen Police Academy?

NO. The Roanoke City Police Department provides this service to the community free of charge. The Academy is sponsored by the City of Roanoke, area business and private sponsors.

How Do I Apply?

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Roanoke Police.

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The Roanoke Police Department is a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency that traces its beginning back to the year 1874. In that year the village of Big Lick was incorporated into a town and the first official Law Enforcement Officer was appointed.

Then, as it continues today, the mission of the Roanoke Police Department and its dedicated members make a concerted effort to provide honest, efficient, and effective law enforcement services with a daily objective to maintain the protection of life, property, and civil liberties for all people in a fair and equitable manner.



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